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TV drama role
'dream come
true' for Lois

**Anthony to
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Brits In The
Sun TV show**

A MAN from Skelmersdale who moved to Spain for brief stay 12 years ago and is still living there is appearing in the new series of the Channel 5 TV programme Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun.

Anthony Horadada, from Birch Green, will appear on the show this Sunday evening.

The series charts the lives of Brits who have swapped the damp and grey of the UK for a new life in the sun on the Costa del Sol.

Anthony, who delivered the Champion when he was a boy, said: "I moved to Spain for three days and I'm still here."



Anthony Horadada.

"I've not seen some of my family in Skelmersdale since 2020."

"I worked on series two and three of the show and I have done other bits since."

"The programme initially looked at my journey to Spain and has followed how I have settled down."

There will be another series of the show on TV later this year.

SHOPS AND CAFES PLAZA PROPOSAL UNVEILED FOR FORMER CAR WASH SITE

Plans put forward
to transform area
of land off by-pass

Report by **Henry James**

PLANS to build shops and eateries at the former TC car wash and cafe site in Tarleton have been put forward.

The site on Southport New Road, Mere Brow, which used to be a filling station and cafe as well as hand car wash facility, has been derelict for several years.

The proposals to redevelop the site involve building two retail units, a food retail unit, and a hot food takeaway.

Plans submitted to West Lancashire Borough Council state that the location of the units within two "clusters" will allow for the creation of landscaped areas and a central plaza.

This will "promote the usage of external areas while maximising the views through the site and the units, towards the countryside."

Trees will be planted to the front and either side of the new buildings and there will be areas of green space and hedging.

The plans state that "the development will be an



How the new development may look, above, and left, how it looked when it was the TC car wash, cafe and takeaway.

electric vehicle charging bay. A cycle shelter with 10 spaces and four motorcycle spaces will be provided as well.

The retail units will utilise a palette of rustic/natural materials including wood, weathered brick and slate roof tiles.

It is thought these redevelopment proposals could prevent any incidents, such as criminal damage and arson, being committed at the site.

The application states: "This proposal will be a benefit to this area; capable of improving a site that is at present detrimental to the amenity of the local area; and is suitable for the location proposed."

asset to the area and improve a site that is at present very harmful to the visual amenity of this important location in the area."

Proposals show the units will have glass frontages to ensure "the openness of the site is maintained."

There will also be a 38 space car parking area, which will include three accessible bays and one

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MP celebrates after British Sign Language bill passes 'huge hurdle'

BSL edges closer to being recognised as official language after it passes 'second reading'

Report by **Henry James**

A BILL presented to parliament by Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper to make British Sign Language a legally recognised language has passed 'second reading' and is on its way to becoming law.

The bill aims to recognise BSL in legal statute as a language in its own right.

The campaign is personal for Ms Cooper as her parents were 'profoundly deaf.'

It has also been backed by Eastenders star and Strictly Come Dancing winner Rose Ayling-Ellis, who is deaf.

Minister for Disabled People, Chloe Smith MP who has worked closely with Ms Cooper in developing the bill, spoke at a debate last week to confirm the government's support of the bill.

It will now move to its committee stage, and then 'a third reading' in the House of Commons followed by passage through the House of Lords on its way to receiving Royal Assent.

Rosie Cooper MP said: "I am delighted that the bill has passed this huge hurdle. It has been at least 230 years since BSL was first introduced, so this will be a very emotional day for every deaf person who has been waiting for the legal recognition of their language."



MP Cooper outside Parliament after her bill passed its second reading and (left) deaf actress Rose-Ayling-Ellis, who has backed the bill

"The success we now enjoy lies on the shoulders of all the deaf people, including my dad, who over the years fought for recognition and equality! That goal is now squarely in sight."

"Getting the government to support my bill has always been essential to actually making it into law. The Minister has really embraced the bill and BSL itself, and has helped wholeheartedly to develop it into something that will really make a difference."

Minister for Disabled People Chloe Smith MP said: "It is a significant step towards real equality for deaf people and will see British Sign Language become a recognised language."

"Passing the bill will see the government commit to improving the lives of deaf people and help create a more inclusive and accessible society."



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Couple kept ponies in appalling conditions in 'shocking case of cruelty'

Pair were spared jail due to their age and medical needs

Report by **Henry James**

A COUPLE from Tarleton kept four severely neglected ponies "imprisoned in deplorable conditions" at a smallholding they owned.

An RSPCA inspector said "the extreme level of neglect found will remain with me" and said she had not seen anything like it in her entire career.

The ponies - aged around six and seven years old - were unable to stand up naturally due to the level of faecal buildup in the cramped conditions.

And it is thought they may never have left their filthy stables during their whole life.

Three other ponies were found in poor health stabled at premises nearby.

Jack Carter, 75, and wife Barbara, 72, both of Bank Bridge, who bred, showed and kept horses for 60 years, both pleaded guilty to three animal welfare offences when they appeared before Lancashire Magistrates on Thursday, January 20 in a prosecution brought by the RSPCA.

The RSPCA were called to investigate after a member of the public raised concerns about the welfare of a pony believed to be in their care.

RSPCA inspector Vicki McDonald attended the address on Monday, March 22 (2021) and could see a rundown stable block behind the couple's house but was unable to access it.

After making several attempts to contact the couple by telephone to arrange to visit them Inspector McDonald was concerned that the defendant was avoiding a visit so returned to the area again to view the stable from a public footpath nearby - where she saw that a green sheet and wire mesh now covered the doorway of the dilapidated stable she saw on her first visit.

She believed there was a pony inside which Jack Carter was trying to hide so she arranged a formal visit with Lancashire police.

She met with Carter who denied there were any ponies or horses at the site on a number of occa-



The ponies had to live under these filthy conditions.



RSPCA officers found a pony in this state.

sions but when she asked to see inside the stable at the back of the house he reluctantly agreed.

Inspector McDonald said: "The severe lack of care and level of suffering endured by these ponies was prolonged, wholly avoidable and totally inexcusable."

"It was heart-breaking to find them in such a neglected state and for them, after such an awful life, to be beyond saving."

"These ponies were kept stabled within a few feet of the back door to Carter's home address."

"They would have seen them daily and their plight would have been ignored daily. The extreme level of neglect I witnessed, in this case, is unlikely to ever be surpassed and will remain with me."

The couple also kept five ponies stabled in nearby Liverpool Road. They had access to food and water but two needed treatment.

As well as the life ban on keeping all animals both defendants were imprisoned for 12 weeks suspended for two years and were both ordered to pay £500 cost.

In sentencing the magistrates heard how the Carters had been given the opportunity to work with the RSPCA on previous occasions but did not seek that help.

The presiding magistrate said the case was "extremely distressing" and added: "The only reason the sentence was suspended is to take into account the defendant's medical needs and age."

PC Sean Dalby, wildlife officer for Lancashire Police added: "This was a shocking case of needless cruelty to several ponies."

Football fan gets three year ban for shouting racist abuse

A LIVERPOOL fan from Netherton has been banned from attending matches for three years and given a £300 fine after he shouted racist abuse at an Everton player during the Merseyside Derby last year.

Robert Owen, 54, of Fernbank Drive, was overheard by a police officer making a racial slur during the match at Goodison Park on Wednesday, December 1.

Owen was then arrested on suspicion of a Section 5 Racially Aggravated Public Order offence.

On Friday, January 21, Owen appeared at South Sefton Magistrates Court and was issued with a three year Football Banning Order, preventing him from attending any regulated football matches during that time.

He was also ordered to pay a £300 fine and court costs.

Detective Inspector Steven O'Neill said: "Merseyside is an inclusive and welcoming place and, whatever football team you support, we stand united in saying that there is absolutely no place for hate anywhere on Merseyside."

"This result means that Owen will now have a criminal record, and the consequences of this for his future could prove to be significant."

"Let me be clear - to the tiny minority of fans who feel that racist slurs are acceptable, we will work with clubs to find those responsible and bring those responsible to justice."

"I would like to encourage any football fans with information on such incidents to speak with officers or stewards at the ground or call 101 so that offenders can be found and face the consequences of their actions."



The fan used racist language during the Merseyside Derby last December.

Merseyrail set to increase services as impact of Omicron Covid variant reduces

MERSEYRAIL is set to increase its services as the impact of the Omicron variant starts to reduce.

The rail provider had to scale back its operation last month due to staff shortages, but they are now in a position to provide more train services across the Liverpool City Region from Monday, February 14.

On the Southport and Hunts Cross lines, Monday to Saturday services will increase to a 20-

minute frequency from start until end of service. A 30-minute service will remain in operation on Sundays.

On the Ormskirk & Kirkby lines, Monday to Saturday services will increase to a 20-minute frequency from the start of service until 8pm. They will then operate every 30 minutes until the end of service.

A 30-minute service will remain in operation all day on Sundays.

Andy Heath, managing director

at Merseyrail, said: "I am happy to announce that we are now able to increase our services as the impact of the Omicron variant on our staff availability has reduced."

"This is especially pleasing as it coincides with more passengers returning to the network following the Government announcement of an easing of Plan B restrictions across the country."

"I would like to thank our customers for their patience and understanding during this challenging time, as we have worked hard to deliver a reliable service across the Liverpool City Region."

Merseyrail say that while face coverings are no longer mandatory on public transport, passengers are encouraged to wear one whilst travelling on the network out of respect for others.

Man suspected of drug driving after Switch Island crash

A MAN was arrested on suspicion of drug driving following a collision at the junction of Dunning's Bridge Road and the M57 (Switch Island) last week.

A 41-year-old man is currently in custody.

The incident happened at 8.40am on Thursday, January 27 and involved a Ford Transit van, Black Audi A3, and a red MG.

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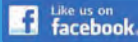
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Residents invited to help shape plans for Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre

Report by Henry James

WEST Lancashire Borough Council is inviting residents to have their say about the future of Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre during a three-week consultation.

Feedback from the consultation will help the council understand what matters most to them about the facilities and activities that are currently offered at the centre and they will use the feedback to help them shape future improvements and investment plans.

West Lancashire Borough Council has an "ambitious strategy" to improve its leisure facilities across the borough.

Their plans involve the development of two new Wellbeing and Leisure Hubs in Skelmersdale and Ormskirk to replace the existing facilities at Nye Bevan Pool, Skelmersdale and Park Pool, Ormskirk, along with investment in Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre to ensure the future sustainability of this "busy and popular community facility."

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, cabinet member for leisure and human resources is looking forward to hearing people's ideas: "This is a unique opportunity for you to shape how we develop plans for a fitness centre that thrives as a hub for people in the area to get fit and enhance their wellbeing."

"One of the council's priorities is to build sustainable community facilities that promote health and wellbeing among our residents. The new Wellbeing



Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre

and Leisure Hubs and improved facilities in Burscough are central to delivering on those plans."

The council has said: "We'd like to know what you value in the existing facilities, and what you would like to see. Would you benefit from more racquet sports or longer opening times? Or maybe having a cafe to get a bite to eat is important to you when choosing somewhere to spend your leisure time?"

"Maybe you don't use the facility at present, but particular improvements would mean you would use it in the future? Whatever your priorities are, we want to hear from you so you can help shape our plans to deliver a facility that works for the community."

The consultation is now open and closes on February 16.

People can access it on the interactive portal at the website: letstalkwestlancashire.uk/engagementhq.com/burscough-racquet-fitness-centre or via the link on the council's website homepage.



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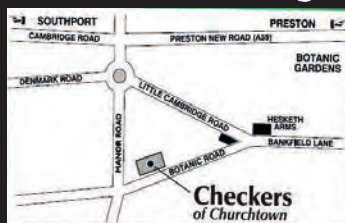


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Lois with Martin Freeman and Faye McKeever

Young actress Lois says it was 'surreal' watching herself star in The Responder

Report by **Tom Martin**

A YOUNG actress who goes to school in West Lancashire and has a role in the hit BBC police drama *The Responder* said it was "surreal" to watch herself on television!

Lois Cringle, 10, who is a pupil at Halsall St Cuthbert's primary school, plays Lexie Sweeney in the series, which is currently being aired on BBC 1 and iPlayer.

While the star of the show, Martin Freeman, admitted it took him a long time to master the Scouse accent, it proved a lot easier for Lois!

Her mum, Helen Cringle, told the Champion: "We have eagerly awaited the release date of *The Responder* and when it was aired on January 24 it was surreal! Seeing herself on TV was a dream come true."

Lois, who lives in Ainsdale, attends The Lamont School of Speech and Drama, in Formby, where her teacher Diane Lamont saw her acting potential and put her forward for some auditions.

She was asked to do a 'self tape' in October 2020 for *The Responder*, but due to Covid there were a lot of delays and uncertainty over casting.

Two months later she was asked for a recall

and attended a studio in Liverpool city centre where she auditioned for casting director Robert Sterne and director Tim Mielants.

In January 2021 she had a phone call from Diane Lamont to say she had been chosen to play the part of Lexie Sweeney, who is the daughter of offscreen gangster Carl, played by Ian Hart.

Mum Helen said: "Lois cried with joy when she heard the news and was so looking forward to getting the script and practising her role."

"In March she had her first taste of filming and we were picked up from our home in Ainsdale by a chauffeur and taken to site where she had her own trailer which she absolutely loved and felt like a real star!"

"Her on-screen dad is Ian Hart and he put Lois at ease telling her jokes and making her laugh. She had a real bond with him, he was great."

"She met Martin Freeman, who spoke to us in a Scouse accent and he was really down to earth and also her on-screen mum, Faye McKeever, who was brilliant with Lois and was really like her second mum!"

When asked what her plans are for the future, Helen said: "Lois hopes to continue acting and is thankful to everyone who helped her to fulfil her wish. She is still attending Lamont and Diane is putting her forward for suitable auditions when they arise. Hopefully she will appear on our TV screens in the near future!"

Pleasure Folk Amateur Musical Society celebrated its 50th Anniversary at Ball

ORMSKIRK Pleasure Folk Amateur Musical Society held a Ball at Briars Hall on Friday, January 28 attended by 120 past and present members to celebrate 50 years of providing entertainment in West Lancashire and further afield.

The society was formed in 1971 with the objective of

providing members with the opportunity to gain experience on the amateur stage.

At the Ball there were six members who formed the original 1971 concert party.

Current chairperson Liz Wainwright welcomed everybody. Three life memberships were awarded to Dorothy Prothero

and Jim and Susan Briscoe, acknowledging their work for the group over a number of years.

Rehearsals are underway for the society's next show *Barnum* to be staged in April at Ormskirk Civic Hall.

For ticket information phone 01695 580755.

Schools being supplied with air cleaning units

AIR cleaning units are being deployed to schools in Lancashire after the county council stepped in to ease the pressure caused by the large number of Omicron cases.

Last year, the Department for Education created a programme to supply special schools with free carbon dioxide monitors (CO2) and air cleaning units.

CO2 monitors help education settings to identify poor ventilation so they can improve it and reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19.

The government has announced it will deliver up to 9,000 air cleaning units to early years, schools and colleges across the country to improve ventilation in classrooms.

Prior to this announcement, Lancashire County Council decided to build on the national programme to widen it to all schools, committing around £150,000 to the initiative.

Schools in Lancashire can now request carbon dioxide monitors and air cleaning units, while waiting for the national scheme to catch-up.

County Councillor Michael Green, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Being in the classroom is undoubtedly the best place for children."

"Face-to-face learning is so important for their education and wellbeing, which is why we decided to take additional positive actions to support our schools."

"We now know the importance of keeping teaching spaces well ventilated, and this equipment will help more schools do that and enable them to keep more children safely in the classroom."

As part of the local initiative, the county council has purchased 1,000 carbon dioxide monitors to supply to any school in the county council area.

Schools can use the carbon dioxide monitors to monitor their CO2 levels and if they can demonstrate there is an issue then they will be supplied a temporary air cleaning unit.

In addition, 110 air cleaning units have been purchased to act as a temporary support for schools that were not able to address their carbon dioxide



Cllr Jayne Rear and Cllr Michael Green with the ventilation units

levels by simple ventilation changes.

So far, 10 have been distributed to a number of schools and nurseries, with 100 now ready to be sent out to education settings across the county.

Looking ahead, the county council is also looking at recruiting extra engineers to help identify medium and long-term solutions for schools.



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Camera car to enforce parking restrictions at Fairy Glen beauty spot

Move follows imposition of 'red route clearway' which prohibits vehicles from stopping on road

Report by **Henry James**

A CAMERA car will be used to enforce a "red route clearway" to stop parking problems at a Parbold beauty spot.

Lancashire County Council's cabinet agreed to introduce the clearway to stop parking across the entire width of the highway, including the pavements and grass verges at Fairy Glen.

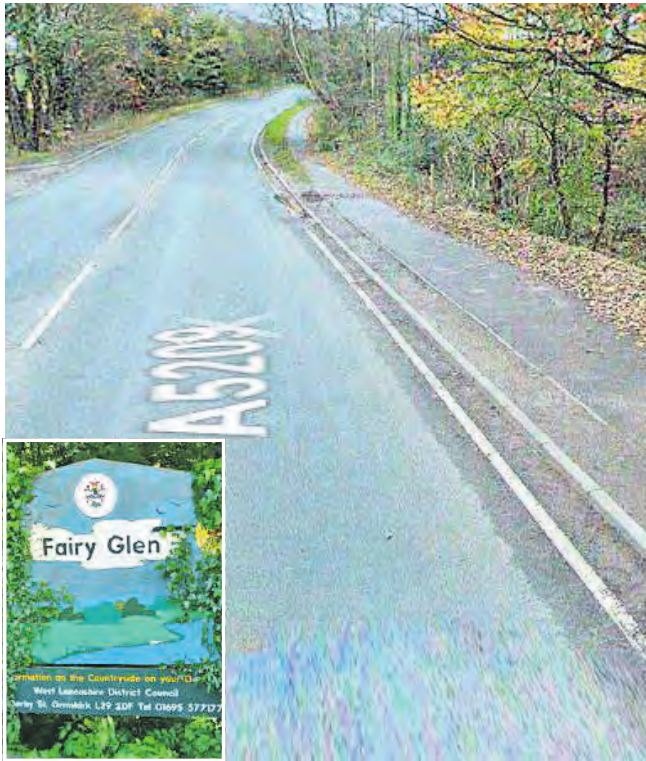
Since 2020, Fairy Glen has seen huge numbers of visitors, many people from outside the area, resulting in what councillors have called, "a serious safety problem due to people parking along what is a very busy road."

Fairy Glen has no dedicated car park and the large numbers of cars parked along grass verges on the A5209 has raised serious safety concerns for the visitors themselves, and other traffic on what is a very busy route.

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council explained how camera cars are used and said: "CCTV enforcement vehicles, or camera cars, can be used to enforce 'no stopping' parking restrictions where an observation period, for example to check whether a vehicle is loading, is not required."

"They are a safer way of enforcing locations such as red route clearways, and something we are considering for the near future."

The report to cabinet also report stated: "In this



The entrance to Fairy Glen

instance the implementation of a Red Route clearway has been chosen due to the unambiguous definition that coverage is for the full extent of the highway which includes footways and verges by default without the requirement to add this element as a supplement which is the case for normal clearway restrictions.

"This, in conjunction with the clearer, more perceptible, signage, is anticipated to reduce any misunderstanding for drivers and allows for the potential use of more effective methods of enforcement activity such as camera cars in the future."

Fly-tipping incidents on rise across the borough

FLY-TIPPING has increased across West Lancashire according to new figures.

Statistics from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) show there were 3,246 incidents in the borough 2020/21, up from 1,870 fly-tipping incidents in the previous 12 months.

Councillor Gareth Dowling, cabinet member for communities at West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "There is an unfortunate minority of people who will fly tip and cause a blight for everyone else."

"This is entirely unacceptable and if they are found, will be placed before the courts."

"Not only do we have dedicated enforcement staff to identify and prosecute fly-tippers but we also utilise CCTV to help catch the culprits."

"In the last calendar year we issued 72 fixed penalty notices of £200 in relation to fly-tipping offences across West Lancashire."

"We also have a number of cases awaiting court action in relation to fly-tipping offences and we will continue to prosecute those who break the law wherever possible."

"Statistics from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs show an increase in fly-tipping incidents nationally including in West Lancashire, but they also show this Council's almost threefold increase in actions undertaken to tackle the offenders."

"Just late last year we demonstrated our commitment to tackle fly-tipping with the investment in mobile CCTV and we will continue to do what we can to keep West Lancashire clean."

Rupert Wailes-Fairbair from rural insurance firm, Lycetts, is urging farmers and landowners to take extra steps to protect themselves against fly-tipping.

He said: "Gates should be locked when not in use and although witnesses of fly-tipping incidents should not approach the perpetrators, by cutting back hedges and installing exterior lighting, visibility for the landowner can be notably improved."

"The installation of security cameras can also act as a deterrent and help in securing successful prosecutions."

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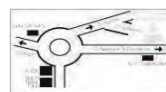
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Decision this week on radar speed cameras proposal for junctions

Hi-tech devices would avoid disruption as there is no need to dig up roads to lay cables

Report by **Henry James**

PROPOSALS to install red light and speeding cameras at two accident blackspots in Ormskirk are to be decided upon at a meeting of Lancashire County Council's cabinet this week.

The cameras could be installed at the Five Ways and Hayfield Road junctions on the A59 to improve safety following a number of serious collisions as a result of people running the lights.

The report to the council's cabinet meeting to be held on Thursday, February 3 asks councillors to allow the award of a contract to the only Home Office-approved supplier of a camera system which uses radar technology.

The other systems available rely on laying cables under the road, making them more disruptive to install and maintain.

The cameras also detect when a vehicle is speeding to deter people from accelerating through the junction on green before the lights turns to red.

County Councillor Charlie Edwards, cabinet member for highways said: "We've been looking at ways to improve safety at the Five Ways and Hayfield Road junctions for some time, and these cameras which can detect people speeding, as well as going through on red, would appear to offer a good solution."

"This is the first time we've looked at using this type of technology, but if successful we could potentially roll it out to other places in Lancashire where



The Five Ways Junction in Ormskirk

there are similar problems.

"Digging up the Five Ways junction to install cables would be extremely disruptive, and something we would like to avoid, so I will be asking cabinet to allow officers to procure the only Home Office approved system which uses radar technology instead of cable detection loops."

The report also outlines that the speed limit on this section of the A59 has recently been reduced, and the speed enforcement element of the cameras would help to further improve road safety.

If the proposal is agreed by cabinet, officers will be able to include the cameras within ongoing plans to improve highways and transport in Ormskirk.

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New chapter for libraries as council to consider 'fresh vision'

Report by **Henry James**

NEW plans to ensure Lancashire's libraries and museums maintain their "central role" in the cultural life of the county are to be considered by councillors.

The Library and Museum Strategies 2022-25 set out a vision for how these vital services will evolve over the coming years to inspire learning, keep people healthy and connected, and preserve the county's diverse heritage.

Councillors are to be asked to approve two distinct strategies for libraries and museums at the county council's next cabinet meeting on Thursday, February 3.

The strategies outline a brief history of Lancashire's libraries and museums, and how the services plan to support the council's corporate priorities of delivering better services, protecting the environment, supporting economic growth, and caring for the vulnerable.

They also outline how the services will respond to the latest national guidance.

For libraries, there is a focus on making the most of the deep connections which libraries have with their local communities to not only provide a point of access for cultural activity but support people with the information and skills they need throughout their life.

A key aim for museums is to support innovation and creativity, and be ambitious in continually improving the quality of the experience they offer to visitors.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, cabinet



Ormskirk Library

member for community and cultural services, said: "We're proud to have such wonderful libraries and museums which are a huge asset to everyone who lives in Lancashire, and play a vital role in preserving our diverse heritage and culture, and presenting our story to visitors from around the world."

"They also play a valuable part in supporting many of the county council's core priorities, whether through providing an inspiring environment which fosters a child's early love of reading, helping older people learn new skills online, or interpreting our history in new and engaging ways."

"Our libraries and museums are continually evolving to ensure they continue to make a real difference to people's lives, and these strategies provide the direction for the work of our talented and dedicated librarians, curators, and conservators over the coming years."

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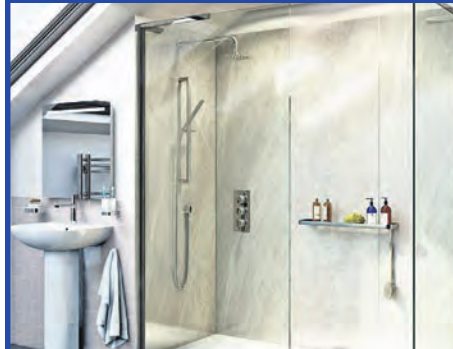
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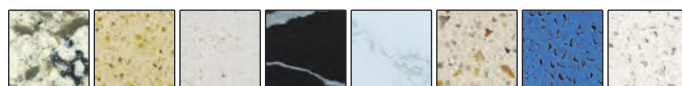
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Young karate star travels to Mexico to compete with some of world's best!

Danni finishes seventh out of 56 competitors at international event

Report by **Henry James**

A FORMER pupil of Up Holland High School, who is the top ranked karate star in her division, recently competed with the world's best at a tournament in Mexico.

Danni Williams, who is a student at Winstanley College, entered the World Karate Youth League in Mexico and came in seventh place among 56 competitors.

She had many good rounds before eventually bowing out to the winner of the competition.

Danni finished as the top British athlete for her division.

She said: "It was a great experience, and I am very pleased with my results."

Danni, who studies PE, Psychology and Criminology, began karate classes when she was nine and by the age of 12, she was selected to represent England.

She decided to give karate a go after seeing a class taking place in the gym, which sparked her interest and from her very first session she loved it.

She said: "I work hard and train a lot so to be so successful is great as it makes all the work worth it in the end."

Danni holds a black belt in the sport and has done for five years now, which is no surprise given the dedication she shows toward her training.

She trains six times a week and is the highest



Danni Williams

world ranked British athlete in her division!

Danni has won multiple titles including KWF European Champion, Central England Champion and she holds two British Gold Medals.

A spokesperson for Winstanley College commented: "We're sure you'll agree that Danni is doing an amazing job of representing both Winstanley College and the country. Well done Danni – keep up the hard work!"

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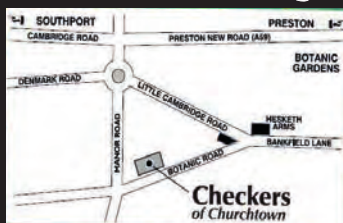
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In these days when we are prepared to criticise anything, possibly in the hope of obtaining some financial compensation, it’s an absolute delight to tell a tale of amazing customer service.

I regularly shop at Fylde View Farm shop in Hesketh Bank and on my last visit, among other things, I wanted some purple flowering broccoli only to find that there were only two small pieces left in the box.

I asked the young farmer if he had any more thinking that maybe he had some in an adjacent barn store.

He said ‘yes’ - if I was prepared to hang on a couple of minutes he would cut some.

To my complete and utter amazement he left the little shop, jumped in a tractor parked outside, drove off down the track to his fields, returning a few minutes later with a bucket full.

That’s what I call customer service, not to mention fresh food straight from the field.

I think that we should all support local businesses and this one certainly deserves everyone’s business.

Anne Sutton,
Hesketh Bank

Don’t forget to ask the police about ‘double dipping’

Re: police funding.

With regards to Ray Shannon’s survey with Merseyside Police: it might have been appropriate for him to have asked the questioner something along the following lines: “How many officers currently serving in either police or civilian roles have already once retired and have received their [first] lump sum and are in receipt of their [first] pension having been re-appointed to a different role.”

A practice, I believe, known as ‘double dipping.’

DE,
West Lancashire

Time to replace Pool Park with a clean and modern facility

It is time to replace the Park Pool leisure centre in Ormskirk with a clean and modern facility.

I recently rejoined Park Pool facility after a 22 month break due to the Covid pandemic.

I have been visiting Park Pool for 35 years, using the swimming pool, gym and health suite and I was dismayed by the ‘tired’ appearance of this facility.

I felt that while the leisure centre had been closed down, some improvements could have been made.

The health suite has not been cared for and I remember when it was a meeting place for friends to spend mornings chatting and passing the time away.

The over 60s concession has been taken away for members and this will discourage the older generation from joining and keeping fit.

The proposed plans for a new centre off County Road seem to have been forgotten.

Of course there is the Edge Hill University



Park Pool in Ormskirk.

Sports Complex but this is not easily accessible for the children and older residents of Ormskirk.

Maghull has a lovely modern facility and puts ours to shame.

Martin G,
By email

More seating is needed at the Concourse

I am fed up of shopping at the Concourse as I get out of breath and in pain.

There is not enough seating down the aisles for elderly, pregnant or like myself disabled people.

I use crutches as I can only bear weight on one foot.

This means that my foot that I do put my weight gets painful after just a few steps.

I have spoken to the management and even the security staff have told me that there is not enough room for more seating!

What nonsense.

There is plenty of room for thinner benches to help and look after the customers that need them.

Stephen Meads,
By email

After 130 years Aughton Lawn Tennis Club members can look forward to a bright future

A bitter sweet time is ahead for Aughton Lawn Tennis Club... as work starts to convert the last three grass courts to all weather surfaces.

They have stood the test of time for 130 years, since in 1892 the land was donated in trust for a tennis club.

The centenary of the club in 1992 saw an afternoon of Victorian tennis in full fancy dress followed by a Marquee Ball with lady members serving all the food.

The club continued to grow with members playing more often and with just the two friendly teams and one men’s league team, it was time to enter a mixed league and a second men’s team.

The club was awarded Sportsmark, now tennismark, as recognition of a well run, safe and effective tennis club.

The club by then had three grass courts and five all weather courts, but in 2014 after three

poor summers with limited use available on the grass courts the members voted to convert them also to all weather surfaces.

The LTA were approached in the hope of a grant. None was available but with certain conditions, one being a significant contribution from the club, a loan could be negotiated.

The members planned to concentrate on building up the funds which, with a profitable bar and regular social events in the club was achieved and a considerable reserve fund was available in 2017 to begin the process.

It was unfortunate that in line with sports clubs in general all over the country, membership of the club began to fall and this wasn’t helped by the country going into lockdown, but a strategy group was formed to begin the project.

They spent countless hours meeting multiple problems, not least getting planning permis-

sion, until finally their work is coming to fruition.

The lockdowns caused them delays and extra problems and also meant the courts were closed for many weeks over the last two years.

The club was grateful to the government for two grants received to support the loss of subscriptions and ongoing running costs to get through this time.

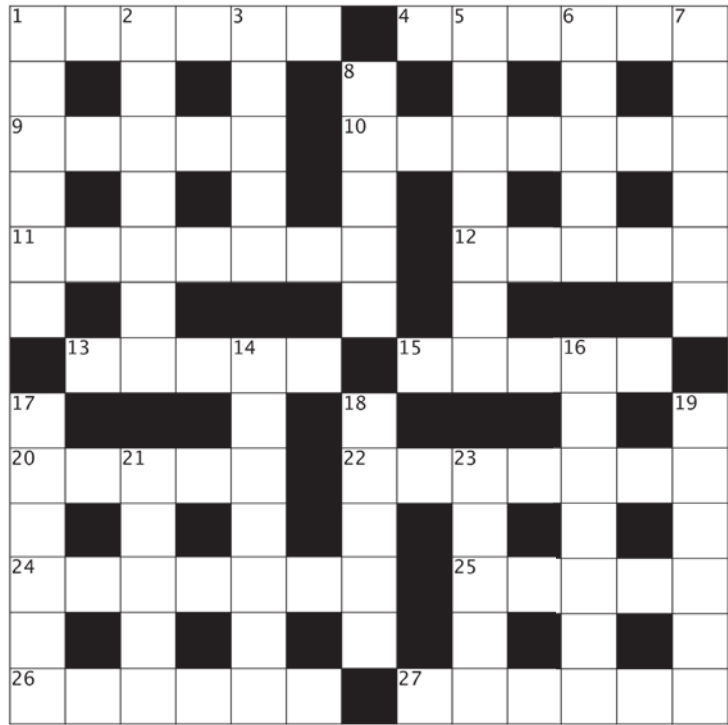
The courts will be closed again during the construction works but the members are very much looking forward with great anticipation to seven courts with floodlights available for play all year round.

After 130 years it is something they can celebrate.

Name supplied,
Aughton

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1. Globe or orb shape (6)
- 4. Eject a jet of liquid (6)
- 9. Permitted; not forbidden (5)
- 10. Frisky, jolly, full of fun (7)
- 11. A synthetic fibre (7)
- 12. ___ Men in a Boat, novel by Jerome K Jerome (5)
- 13. A rough woollen fabric (5)
- 15. Search someone (5)
- 20. Become adjusted to conditions (5)
- 22. Astonishing, surprising, stunning (7)
- 24. Middle Eastern county with capital Beirut (7)
- 25. Sporting venue (5)
- 26. A red salad ingredient (6)
- 27. Body of water to the east of Egypt (3,3)

DOWN

- 1. Chewing and swallowing lubricant (6)
- 2. Tool used for cutting metal (7)
- 3. Proportion or comparative number (5)
- 5. 25 cent coin in the USA (7)
- 6. Deduce, reason or work out (5)
- 7. Boat steering handle (6)
- 8. Major battle site of WWI (5)
- 14. No longer in existence (7)
- 16. Arachnids (7)
- 17. Shakespeare play set in Denmark (6)
- 18. Pleasure trip, excursion (5)
- 19. Large South American lizard (6)
- 21. Book for photographs (5)
- 23. Plant used to produce the spirit mezcal (5)

WORDSEARCH



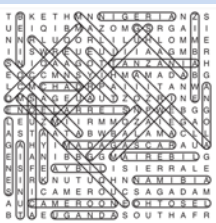
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- SKI
- SNOOKER BALL
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- STUMP
- TABLE
- TENNIS BALL
- TRAMPOLINE
- WEIGHTS
- WHISTLE

This week’s wordsearch theme is Sports Equipment. Remember that the words can run in a straight line in any direction.

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Pub closes for big £500,000 upgrade

Report by **Henry James**

THE Farmer's Arms in Burscough has closed for a major £500,000 upgrade.

The new tenants, Star Pubs & Bars and Crosthwaite & Gilpin Ltd, owned by Chris and Jon Nevin, are behind the plans.

The pub will reopen in early April in time for Easter and will be recruiting for 30 new jobs offering career opportunities within Crosthwaite & Gilpin Ltd and the other hospitality businesses owned and operated by Chris and Jon Nevin.

The Farmer's Arms will be their third pub to open in two years.

Inside, the pub will be remodelled from top to bottom, with the aim of creating a contemporary venue. The kitchen will also be fully remodelled and up to date kit installed.

The exterior of the Farmer's Arms is being given a facelift, including new signage and festoon style lighting.

Chris said of their plans: "We love the canal side location of The Farmer's Arms and that you can see the Pennines in the distance. It's a lovely albeit tired pub with loads of potential. Our ethos is all about doing simple things well."

"So with our experienced manager, Ali Coxon at the helm, our intention is to offer great food and drink and excellent service in a top-quality, warm and welcoming environment – everything



Ceri Fogg, operations manager, Ali Coxon who will be the new manager of the Farmer's Arms when it opens, and Chris Nevin, managing director

you could wish for in a pub with an amazing location and lovely area to both live in and visit."

David O'Brien, Star Pubs & Bars business development manager said: "Chris and Jon have done an amazing job over the last two years creating fantastic popular village pubs. With further housing being developed in the area and a winning approach to hospitality, I feel sure The Farmer's Arms will be as successful for them and for the village and wish the team well."

"This investment will take The Farmers Arms to a whole new level."

Ormskirk Ladies Group celebrates 25 years

THE Ormskirk Ladies Group has celebrated its 25th anniversary with a Sunday lunch at O'Brien's Tea Rooms. Its inaugural

meeting was held in January 1997 at the same premises as their celebration. During the anniversary event,

a bumper raffle took place which was very well supported by the 62 guests and raised £268.



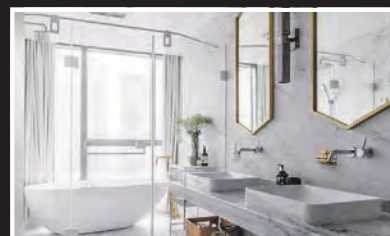
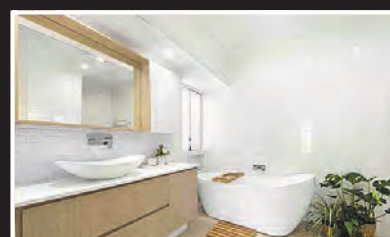
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Dan Mitchley on the attack for Skelmersdale

Skem beaten in top of table clash at Macclesfield

Bumper crowd of 4,327 enjoy action-packed encounter between division's top two sides

Macclesfield 3
Skelmersdale United 1

SKELMERSDALE United were leapfrogged by Macclesfield at the top of the North West Counties Premier Division after losing out in the top of the table clash, **writes Kevin Panther.**

It was a day of reckoning for the top two teams in the North West Counties Premier Division, with league leaders Skem travelling to big spending Macclesfield and a crowd of close on 4,500, the biggest in the North West Counties for several years were there to witness it.

Skelmersdale took the game to the hosts with Mikey Howard causing a particular threat to the home defence.

On 15 minutes Howard was through on goal, and his shot beat the keeper all ends up, but unfortunately the also beat the outside of the post.

Elliott Morris opened the scoring for Skem with a superb strike from around 25 yards that left keeper Wallis clutching at thin air.

However, with half time beckoning Macc struck the all important equaliser, when a cross from the

right found James Berry-McNally who side footed past the United defence and into the goal.

The equaliser arriving so close to the interval was the impetus the home side needed, as Neil Dadds and Mark Duffy, who have made more than 1,000 Football League appearances between them began to dominate the middle of the park after the break and it was Dadds who added the second for Macc on 67 minutes with a fine finish from the edge of the box.

Skem responded brilliantly with a double effort from Danny Mitchley and Howard but their hearts were broken with two minutes to go when Brandon Lonsdale added the killer third goal.

Skem boss Paul McNally said after the game: "All the onus was on them to win today, it was their cup final so to speak."

"There is still a long way to go and there will be more twists and turns before the season ends. The league has not been won today or lost, with

eleven league games remaining."

Next matches:

- **Saturday, February 5. Wythenshawe Town vs Skem. Kick off 3pm.**

- **Tuesday, February 8. Skem vs Runcorn Town. Kick off 8pm.**



Some young Skem fans at the match.

Linnets dig deep to earn point in six goal thriller

AVRO 3
Burscough 3

BURSCOUGH returned with a useful point against a tough AVRO team, **writes Neil Leatherbarrow.**

Burscough had to fight hard for their point, recovering twice from a goal down before finally equalising in the last five minutes.

The Linnets were stung by going behind just over a minute into the game, Louis Potts running onto a defence splitting ball before slamming the ball home from eighteen yards out.

When Burscough equalised inside three minutes it set the tone of the afternoon, it was clearly going to be an exciting one. Burscough had lifted a free-kick into the AVRO penalty area that they managed to keep alive, the ball eventually falling to midfield

livewire Ryan Smith on the left hand side and his shot flew into the far corner of the net.

Lewis Lacey went close from a free kick on the twenty minute mark as the hosts pressed but it was Burscough's turn to hold the lead on the half hour.

Again the hardworking Linnets prevented AVRO clearing the ball after a dead ball kick into the goalmouth, this time it was Nathan Martland who was the beneficiary, latching into a loose ball and finding the net to make it 2-1 to Burscough.

As was the run of the game the Linnets lead was short lived, Kyle Jacobs striding forward from midfield before making it 2-2 with an unstoppable shot from 25 yards out.

Just before half time AVRO restored their advantage from a corner from the left side,

Kane Wallwork bungling the ball home at the near post.

The not inconsiderable wind had been in AVRO's favour in the opening half, it was in the Linnets favour as they chased the game after the restart.

Five minutes from the end Burscough were rewarded for their endeavour and none stop effort, the ball broke in the AVRO six yard box and Tom McNamara prodded the ball home.

It was a hard earned point for Burscough but a valuable one, they haven't been on the best of runs recently and it will give them confidence, especially as AVRO are one the better teams in the league.

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the late Alan. Loving
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Dawn. Grandma
to Peter, Rachel,
Sarah, Emily, Katie,
James & Molly, Fred
& Florence. Great-
Grandma
to Mason, Logan,
Aurora & Caleb.

She will be greatly
missed by all her
family and friends.

Funeral service
at Southport
Crematorium on
Wednesday 9th
February at 10:00am.

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donations are being
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Queenscourt Hospice.

Enquiries to Howard's
Funeral Directors, 1-5
Roe Lane, Southport,
PR9 9DR.
Tel: 01704 500086

DEATHS

RIMMER MARGARET ANN

From Burscough
Passed away on
Friday 21st January at
Southview Lodge Care
Home aged 76 years

Recently widowed
but devoted Wife to
Joe. Dearly loved
Mother to Mark and
Joanne and Mother
in law to Howard and
Sue and treasured
Grandmother to
Daniel and Eve.

Funeral service
to take place at
West Lancashire
Crematorium on
Thursday 17th
February 2022
at 11am.
Family flowers
only please.
Donations if so
desired, will be
gratefully received for
the MSA trust.

All enquires c/o
Cookson Tyrer
FuneralCare
2 Smithy Walk,
Burscough,
L40 5UU
01704 897770.

PHILLIPS MARION

28th January 2022

My mind still talks
to you, my heart still
looks for you but my
soul knows you are
now at peace, with no
more pain.

Love you Mum

Alan, Gill and family
X

PHILLIPS MARION

5th March 1947 -
28th January 2022

Mum
Our best friend, our
hearts are broken, but
no more pain.

Thanks Mum, never
forget you.

Loving Son David,
Sue and Jess.

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DEATHS

MASON BOB



23rd January 2022

Peacefully surrounded by his loving family, aged 84 years

Loving Husband, Dad, Grandad, Teacher
and Counsellor. Will be sadly missed by all.

Service and cremation at Thornton crematorium on
Friday 11th February at 3pm. Family flowers only,
donations if desired to Place 2 Be.

All enquiries to Thompson Funeral Services
175a Liverpool Road South, Maghull, L31 8AA
Tel 0151 526 1815

DEATHS

ACKERMAN LAWRENCE JOSEPH "LARRY"

On 27th January 2022
Peacefully in hospital
aged 69 years

Friend of Linda.
Devoted Father to
Helena, Grandad to
Ben and Emma.

Graveside service to
take place at Duke
Street Cemetery
on Monday 14th
February 2022
at 11am.

Family flowers only
by request. Donations
if so desired can be
made to R.S.P.C.A

Donations and further
enquiries please to
M. Rushton Funeral
Directors, 100
Marshside Road,
Southport, PR9 9TG.
Tel: 01704 214118

DEATHS

DAGNALL BRENDA ALICE

24th January 2022.
Passed away peacefully
in hospital
aged 84 years

Much loved
Mum, Grandma,
Great-Grandma,
Auntie and Friend.

Funeral Service
and Interment at
St. James' Church
Westhead,
on Monday 7th
February at 11.00am.
Family flowers only
please, but donations
if so desired for
Children In Need.

Donations and further
enquiries please to
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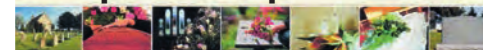
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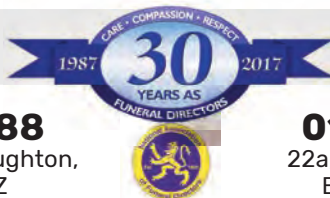
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DEATHS

ABBOTT IRENE MARGARET

Peacefully following a short stay in hospital on **16th January 2022 Aged 86 Years**

Loving Wife of the late Ted.
Devoted Mum of Lynne and the Late Jill and loving Mother -in-Law of Joe.
Treasured Sister of Sheila.
Much loved Nan of Steven, Donna, Kirsty, Claire and Jodie and Little Nana to Ashley, Athena, Jamie, Joe, Max and Sam.

Irene will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 11th February 2022 at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for North West Air Ambulance. There is no obligation to wear dark clothing.

Further enquiries to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG. Tel: 01704 501501

To place a family announcement please call one of our team on **01704 392392** or visit champnews.com



DEATHS

FREITAS DANILO (DANNY)

on **26th January 2022**

Peacefully in **St Josephs Hospice** surrounded by his loving family
Aged 58 Years

Much loved Son, Brother, Brother In Law and Uncle. Will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 11th February at 10.00am. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for St Josephs Hospice.

All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane
Tel: 01695 559868

MARGARET NIND (PEGGY)

Passed away peacefully on **19th January 2022** at **Southport Hospital** surrounded by family

Devoted Mum to Susan, Peter, Elizabeth, Marlene, Irene, Margaret, John and Jane.
Mother in law to Lillian, Lynne and Paul
Much loved Nan and Nana Peg,
She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Rest in peace Mum we love you and we will miss you.

Funeral service will take place at St Pauls church, old Skelmersdale on Wednesday the 16th February at 1pm
Family flowers only please, any Donations will go to Children With Cancer Charity.

All enquiries to Pemberton Coop Funeralcare
788-790 Ormskirk Road, Pemberton, Wigan
WN5 8AX
Tel: 01942 213374

DEATHS

MUSKER JEAN FRANCES

After a short illness
aged 83 years

Much loved Mum of Janet, Andrew and Caroline, devoted Grandma to Holly, James, Aidan, Orla, Elin and Great Granddaughter Lily.

Funeral service at West Lancs Crematorium, Wednesday 9th February at 3pm.

Donations will be gratefully received for Leukemia UK.

All enquiries to Moisters Funeral Care
Tel: 01704 575282

LORD FEARN OF SOUTHPORT (RONNIE)

24th January 2022
Peacefully in hospital
aged 90 years

Dearly beloved Husband of Joyce for 66 years.
Much loved Father of Susan and Martin.
Dear Father-in-law of Rebecca and Andrei.
Dear Grandad of Nick, Liz, Alex, Chris, Anna and Step-Grandad to Harriet and Anna.
Dear Brother of the late Jim Fearn.
A much-loved Uncle to all his Nieces.

Ronnie will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Funeral service will take place at St Simon & St Jude with All Souls Church, Old Park Lane, on Friday 18th February at 12.30pm. Colourful clothing welcome. Family flowers only by request please. Donations in memory of Ronnie, if so desired, are gratefully received in favour of Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries to: Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ
Tel: 01704 212714

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG CHRISTINA JULIA 'CHRISSIE'

22nd January 2022
Aged 96 Years

Peacefully in Ascot Lodge

Wife of the late Martin, Mother to Austin and Peter. Mother in Law to Kathleen and Linda. Granny of Liam, Sean, Hannah and Caitlin.

Requiem Mass to take place at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, PR8 6AS on Friday 4th February at 11:30am followed by Interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Holy Family Building Fund.

All enquiries to David at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors, 137-139 Manchester Road, Southport, PR9 9BD
Tel: 01704 549222

WOOD ENA

Peacefully at **Marina Care Home** on **23rd January 2022**
Aged 91 Years

Devoted Wife of Jim
Loving Mother of Lynn, Melvin and Alison
Much loved Grandma of Pete, Rob, Amy, Emma, Sophie and Olivia and Great Grandma to Michael, Sophie, Thomas, Lucy and Bella.

Ena will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral Service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 14th February 2022 at 11.00am. Family flowers only please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Alzheimer's Research UK

Further enquiries to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG.
Tel: 01704 501501

DEATHS

WILSON CLIVE VINCENT

13th January 2022
Aged 64 Years

Peacefully after a short illness.

Dear Son of the late Hilda. Loving Father to Anne-Marie, Dominique, Gracie and the late Ashley. Adoring Brother to David. Wonderful Gramps to Hughie and Eli and loyal partner to Eileen. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Requiem Mass to take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Southport at 12 noon on Wednesday 9th February followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Cystic Fibrosis UK.

All enquiries to David at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors, 137-139 Manchester Road, Southport, PR9 9BD
Tel: 01704 549222

BANASKO GERARD (GED)

20th January 2022
It is with great sadness that the family announce the passing of Ged at the aged of 62

Lovingly remembered by his children Rachel, Christian, Joseph, Peter and Jessica, his Grandchildren Patrick, Joseph, Alessia, Mila and Olivia and his siblings.

Requiem mass will take place at St Richards RC Church, Skelmersdale, WN8 8BX on Thursday 10th February at 10:30am. All are welcome. Family flowers only please, donations if desired are being gratefully received for MacMillan Cancer Support.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors
Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

LILIAN WRIGHT (LIL)

18th January 2022
Aged 92 Years

Dearly loved Wife of the late John. Loving Mother to Janet, Susan, Pamela, Paul and Carolyn. Special Grandma to all her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service at St Thomas' Parish Church, Lydiate on Wednesday 16th February at 11:00am, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Dementia UK.

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR.
Tel: 01704 500086

CUNNINGHAM JEAN

Little Nan

25th January 2022.
Passed away peacefully
aged 74 years

Now reunited with Steve & Anthony. Proud & Loving Mum of Anthony (deceased), Andrew, Caroline & Adrian. Sadly missed by her many Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren and a dear Friend & Mother-in-law (from hell)

Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 11th February 2022 at 4pm. Family Flowers only please, donations if desired to Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals Charity.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors
Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

PETTIT DIANE MARY (Forshaw)

12th January 2022
Aged 65 Years

Peacefully

Loving Wife of David, caring Mum to David and Lee and wonderful Mother-in-Law to Lou and Louise. Adoring Nanny to Joshua, Thomas, Daniel, Joseph and Lacey. She will be greatly missed by all

Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 10th February at 10:00am. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Battersea Dogs Home.

All enquiries to Charlotte at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors, 5 The Common, Parbold, WN8 7HA
Tel: 01257 462222

PICKETT JOSEPH ERNEST (ERNIE)

Passed away peacefully on **22nd January 2022** at **Asmall Hall Care Home**
aged 87 years

Dearly loved Husband to the late June. Much loved Dad to Steven, Mark and Martin. Dad-in-law to Alison and Jane. Grandad to Karen, Claire, Laura and Becca and Great-grandad to Alisha, Sharna, Lexi, Kaci, Chloe, Alex and Jacob.

The Funeral Service will be held at Southport Crematorium on 9th February 2022 at 11.00am. Family Flowers only please. Donations if desired, may be made to Dementia UK.

All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Service, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY.
01695 572997.

DEATHS

BUXTON (Nee Molyneux) CAROL

Aged 80 years on the 12th December 2021

Le Blanc France

Wife of Jim, Mother of Paul, Sister to Molyneux family originally of Lydiate.

Much Loved
Forever Missed

For information please call 07808 764418.

To place a family announcement please call **01704 392392**



ROBINSON PETER BECKETT

19th January 2022
Aged 86 Years

Died peacefully at Southport Hospital.

Beloved Husband of the late Dorothy. Much loved Father of Tracy. loving Brother of Nancy, Brother-in-law of Ellen and cherished Uncle of Jill. Peter will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Service of thanksgiving for Peter's life will take place at St. Philip & St. Paul with Wesley Church, Southport on Thursday 3rd February at 1:45pm. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired are for the British Heart Foundation and Liverpool Football Club Foundation.

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR.
Tel: 01704 500086.

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CONNELLY HARRIET

Passed away peacefully
on 24th January
at home
aged 79 years

Devoted Wife to
Brian. Dearly loved
Mother to Patricia and
Alison and treasured
Grandmother to
Charlotte, Ellie, Annie
and Molly.

Funeral service to take
place at Southport
Crematorium on
Wednesday 16th
February at 11:00am.
Please send all floral
tributes to Moisters
Funeralcare, Ainsdale.
All enquiries to:
Moisters Funeralcare,
8 Station Road,
Ainsdale, Southport,
PR8 3HS.
Tel: 01704 575282.

MOFFATT MINNA ELIZABETH

18th January 2022
Aged 81 Years

Died peacefully at Elm
House Nursing Home.

Beloved Wife of the
late Gerry.
Much loved Mum of
Claire, Gerard, Yvonne
and Joanne.
Cherished Nan and
Great Nan to all of her
grandchildren.
Minna will be greatly
missed by all her
family and friends

With great thanks
to the team at Elm
House Nursing Home
for their loving care
during her final weeks

Funeral service
at Southport
Crematorium
on Monday 14th
February at 12:00pm.
Family flowers only
please but donations
are being gratefully
received for Elm
House Nursing Home.

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DEATHS

RUSSELL MARION

Unexpectedly passed
away on the
20th January 2022
aged 87 years

Beloved Wife of Billie,
at last reunited.
Sadly missed by all
her family and friends.

Funeral service to
take place Tuesday
8th February at
10am at Southport
Crematorium.
Family flowers only by
request.
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to Macmillan Cancer
Support.

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enquires please to
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Directors, 100
Marshside Road,
Southport, PR9 9TG.
Tel: 01704 214118

DUFFY JOHN F.Y. (M.B.E.)

22nd January 2022
Aged 89 Years

Died peacefully after a
short illness.
Beloved Husband of
the late Mary.
Much loved Dad
of Laura and the
late Stephen, loving
Father-in-law to
Jonathan.
Cherished Grandpa of
Jennifer and Abigail.
Duffy to his great
grandchildren Evelyn
and Amelie.

John will be greatly
missed by all his
family and friends.

Service of
thanksgiving to be
held at St Cuthbert's
Parish Church,
Churchtown on
Tuesday 15th
February at 2:00pm.
Family flowers only
please but donations
if so desired are being
received for
The Samaritans of
Southport and District.
Enquiries to Howard's
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PUBLIC NOTICES



**West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation
Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure)
(England) Order 2015 - Article 15**

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2021/1394/FUL Variation of condition 7 to read 'Blocks C and D shall not be occupied until such times as the internal access road and public realm improvements have been completed in accord with the timescales set out in plan ref 13.180-SGP-AA-00 DR-A-1101 Rev S'. Removal of condition 33 relating to delivery of a children's play area. Both of planning permission 2019/1285/FUL at Land To The South Of, Ingram, Birch Green.

2021/1483/FUL The erection of a single storey outbuilding for the use of a staff/storage facility further to the demolition of a single garage with associative works (retrospective) at Radiant Living, 12 - 14 Station Road, Parbold.

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/1496/FUL Proposed detached house following demolition of existing. Erection of 2m high automatic sliding hardwood gates and brick posts at 33 Hall Road, Scarisbrick.

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2022/0036/FUL Proposed construction of a part two storey/ part one storey detached dwelling and demolition of existing storage unit and outbuildings at Fayre Game Ltd, Liverpool Road, Rufford.

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2022/0042/FUL Full application for the erection of a woodgrain effect UPVC framed cattery at 80 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website, please contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal, you can do so via the Council's website, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

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Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 2nd February 2022
Corporate Director of Place & Community PDN01172

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U1185 BOUNDARY MEANYGATE, HESKETH BANK, WEST
LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF
THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U1185 Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank from U1191 Johnsons Meanygate, Tarleton for a distance of 210m in a North Easterly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 14th February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.**

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible owing to there being no suitable diversion route. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the desilting of the service ducts to be carried out by Sunbelt Rentals UK on behalf of BT. Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34635/EW]

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WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5195 Broad Lane, Downholland from A5147 Delf Lane, Downholland for a distance of 490m in an Easterly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Saturday 19th February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A5147 Delf Lane, Downholland - A5147 Mairsough Lane, Downholland (into Sefton Borough) - A5147 Mairsough Lane, Sefton - A5147 Southport Road, Sefton - B5407 Liverpool Road, Sefton - A59 Northway, Sefton (into West Lancashire Borough) - A59 Northway, Aughton - C121 Turnpike Road, Aughton - B5195 Formby Lane, Aughton - B5195 Birches Brow, Aughton and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to provide a safe working area for overhead fibre cabling works on telegraph poles to be carried out by Sunbelt Rentals UK on behalf of BT. Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34250/EW]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C110 RENACRES LANE, HALSALL,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C110 Renacres Lane, Halsall from a point 1030m North West of its junction with A5147 Halsall Road, Halsall for a distance of 30m in a North Westerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on until 1530 hours on Sunday 20th February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C109 Renacres Lane, Halsall - C107 Gregory Lane, Halsall - A5147 Halsall Road, Halsall and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow tree cutting to aid with overhead cabling works to be carried out by Kelly Traffic Management on behalf of BT. Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33868/EW]

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LOTTERY**

Friday 28th January 2022

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		002937	Mrs N Burns
4th Prize	£10	067394, 032364, 056075, 014993 & 043056	

PUBLIC NOTICES

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U4267 FLEETWOOD CRESCENT, BANKS,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**

**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2022**

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:
The Lancashire County Council (U4267 FLEETWOOD CRESCENT, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:

i. To amend Article 3 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 31st January 2022 until 1600 hours on Friday 18th February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.
This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Thursday 27th January 2022 and may be cited as "**The Lancashire County Council (U4267 FLEETWOOD CRESCENT, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2022**". Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33236/EW/1]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U1252 LONG LANE, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U1252 Long Lane, Banks from a point 90m South East of its junction with C142 Chapel Lane, Banks for a distance of 140m in a South Easterly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C142 Chapel Lane, Banks - U1269 Gorsey Lane, Banks - U1268 Square House Lane, Banks - U47378 Aveling Drive, Banks and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a new 11m telegraph pole to be carried out by Sunbelt Rentals UK on behalf of BT. Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34398/EW]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U4166 MORRISONS ACCESS ROAD, ORMSKIRK,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle on U4166 Morrisons Access Road, Ormskirk from making a right turn onto A570 Park Road, Ormskirk.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours on Monday 28th February 2022 until 1500 hours on Friday 4th March 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the prohibition of right turn is via:- A570 Park Road, Ormskirk - A570 Church Street, North of Park Road - A570 Derby Street West, Ormskirk - A570 Derby Street, West Of Stanley Street - A570 Stanley Street, Ormskirk - A577 Moor Street, Ormskirk - A577 St Helens Road, North of Park Road - A570 Park Road, Ormskirk. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow urgent repair works to prevent foul flooding to be carried out by Saphire Utility Solutions on behalf of United Utilities. Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34154/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U472 BACK LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the West Lancashire Borough i. U472 Back Lane, Newburgh from A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh for a distance of 110m in a Northerly direction.
- ii. U472 Back Lane, Newburgh from a point 110m North of its junction with A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh for a distance of 130m in a Westerly direction.
- iii. U472 Back Lane, Newburgh from a point 110m North of its junction with A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh for a distance of 155m in an Easterly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours until 1700 hours on Friday 11th February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: C164 Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom - A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom - A5209 Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom - A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow vegetation management works to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33753/EW]


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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U3620 CHRISTINES CRESCENT, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U3620 Christines Crescent, Burscough from a point 15m North West of its junction with U387 Peters Avenue, Burscough for a distance of 15m in a North Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours on Monday 14th February 2022 until 1500 hours on Sunday 20th February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access for residents will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible owing to U3620 Christines Crescent, Burscough being a no through road.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow sewer repair works to prevent foul flooding to be carried out by Sapphire Utility Solutions on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33914/EW]


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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U3611 MERSCAR LANE, SCARISBRICK, U294 MARTIN LANE, BURSCOUGH AND U296 GORST LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the West Lancashire Borough: i. U3611 Mercar Lane, Scarisbrick from C134 Drummisdale Lane, Scarisbrick to U294 Martin Lane, Burscough.
- ii. U294 Martin Lane, Burscough from U3611 Mercar Lane, Scarisbrick to U296 Gorst Lane, Burscough.
- iii. U296 Gorst Lane, Burscough from U294 Martin Lane, Burscough to U303 New Lane, Burscough

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1800 hours from Thursday 17th February 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.**

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is via: C134 Drummisdale Lane, Scarisbrick - B5242 Heaton's Bridge Road, Scarisbrick - B5242 Barrison Green, Scarisbrick - B5242 Pippin Street, Burscough - U49165 Tollgate Road, Burscough - U49164 Ringtail Road, Burscough - U49163 Langley Road, Burscough - U303 New Lane, Burscough and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow surface dressing patching works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Capital Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34187/EW]


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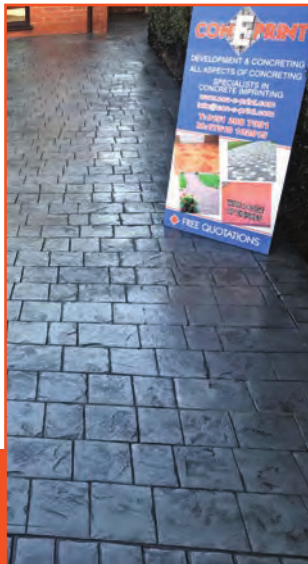
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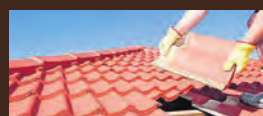
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How wound-up other road users are really winds me up!



■ The Highway Code rule changes affect drivers and cyclists alike

THE HALCYON days of the Highway Code of – ooh, about a week ago – are over. How's the new regime going for you, then?

I gingerly ventured out onto the roads in the MX-5 the other day and was ready for the rewritten rules of the road, which were rolled out last Tuesday January 29. It would, according to the Daily Mail, be CHAOS AND CONFUSION. Cyclists would be hurtling down, to borrow the two-inch block caps headline, THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, and as a mere motorist, I'd be POWERLESS to stop them. Not just frustrated or held up, but POWERLESS. And as a keen driver I've now got to join the FURIOUS FIGHTBACK.

So here's my chance, and my mind's made up. Never in all of my twelve-and-a-bit years as a motoring journalist have I looked at such a far-reaching rewrite of the rules and thought... oh, fair enough on most of these, actually.

You'd be forgiven for thinking some of these so-called motoring campaigners have been necking a bit too much Red Bull before deciding their stance, because from what I've read of the new rules it's formalising what should be common sense anyway. The one that's really raised their hackles is, if we're being really pedantic about it, the updated wording for Rule 213, which covers guidance for where cyclists can be positioned. As a journo I'm happy to translate from Screaming Tabloid back into English for you – and MIDDLE OF THE ROAD actually means centre of the lane on quieter roads, when it's safe to do so. Which, if you've ever seen a Vauxhall Insignia's door swing open in front of you as you're pedalling past a row of parked cars, makes absolute sense.

Same goes for the much-vaunted hierarchy of road users covered by the rule changes too – if I'm cruising to a nearby pub in one of my classics, of course I'm going to let an equestrian or a cyclist enjoy their hobby too. And as for letting pedestrians cross a street that you're about to turn into, this very scenario actually

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came up on my driving test – and the first thing the examiner told me after issuing me with my licence was that it would've ended very differently had I not let them over.

Nope, my FURIOUS FIGHTBACK is against the people who weren't even fussed with the rules pre-rewrite. Not you, of course, and certainly not me, but I'm on about people who give all the various groups of road users a rotten name. There are plenty of cyclists, for instance, who do it by the book, but the ones I see most nights are riding up the pavement, with no lights on. There are loads of decent, hardworking lorry drivers too, but they're let down by the ones who insist on ploughing through roundabouts regardless of what's coming through. Oh, and you don't get off either, car drivers – why is that YouTube is packed with clips where some irate driver screams “YOU TOTAL INVESTMENT BANKER!” (well, at least that's what I thought I heard) at another driver in a heated situation that they themselves have caused?

Rewritten rules or not, I think far too many people out there need to stick some Enya on, order a book on mindfulness and learn to let it go before venturing out onto Her Majesty's Highways. How wound-up other road users are really winds me up.

It's time for me to get behind the wheel and begin my furious fightback. Oh wait...

David Simister,
editor of *Classic Car Weekly*

MORGAN is unveiling a new three-wheeled sports car later this month. The Malvern sports car specialist hasn't revealed much about the new model ahead of its February 24 launch, but has confirmed that it'll be powered by a three-cylinder Ford engine and that it'll be the company's first entirely new design since the Aero 8 of 2000. Morgan has been making three-wheeled sports cars for more than a century, with the last one going out of production last year.



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